

# EPA to Remove Asbestos Materials at Former Factory

**TOCON Holdings Asbestos Site**  
Goshen, Indiana

August 2016

## Open House

EPA will share information and answer questions about the asbestos cleanup at this site during an open house:

**Wednesday, August 17**  
3-7 p.m.

Shanklin Park - Schrock Pavilion  
411 W. Plymouth Avenue

## For more information

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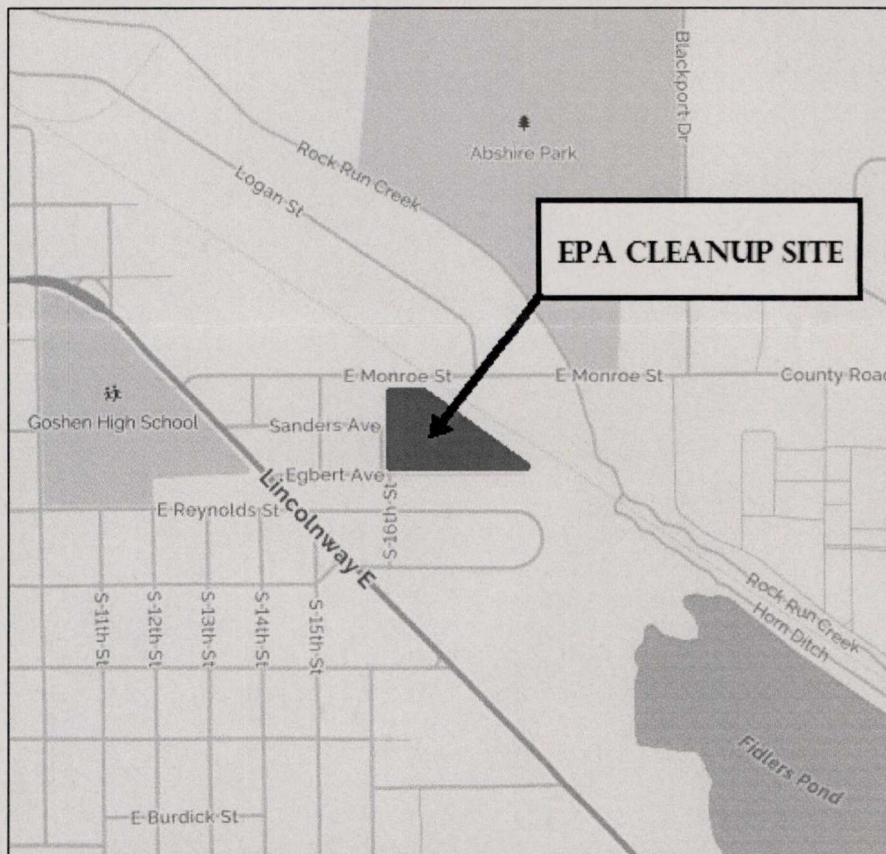
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On the Web:

[www.epaosc.org/toconasbestos](http://www.epaosc.org/toconasbestos)



*This is the location of the asbestos-contaminated site that EPA will clean up.*

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency plans to remove asbestos-containing materials from the former Johnson Controls facility this summer. The property is located at 1302 East Monroe Street. The contaminated materials came from the demolition of buildings that formed part of the manufacturing plant.

Piles of concrete, bricks, wood, metal and other debris from demolition activities are located around the site. The objective of the cleanup is to remove all asbestos-containing materials from the site and dispose of them in a safe manner.

EPA will begin the cleanup on the week of August 25 and will take about 12 weeks to complete. Measures will be in place to ensure the work is done safely and doesn't affect surrounding buildings and neighborhoods.

## What will be done to clean up the site?

The cleanup will consist of digging the asbestos-containing materials, loading them into trucks, and hauling them away from the area to an approved disposal location.

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During the excavation and removal of materials, workers will spray water in the area to keep dust from becoming a problem. EPA contractors will ensure that the debris stays secure during transportation to an approved off-site disposal location.

EPA will evaluate the need for further sampling to determine the extent of asbestos contamination.

### **What is asbestos and how does it pose a risk to people?**

Asbestos is a naturally occurring mineral that was highly valued as a building material in the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century because of its fire-resistant properties. However, the substance releases microscopic fibers into the air. These fibers have been proven to cause lung cancer and other lung diseases if inhaled.

For more information about asbestos and its related health risks, visit [www.atsdr.cdc.gov/asbestos](http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/asbestos).

### **Work site safety**

Contractors will be performing the cleanup under U.S. EPA oversight. They will take several steps to protect the safety and health of residents and workers during the project. Access to the worksite will be limited by fences and entry gates.



*Water may be used by EPA crews to prevent contaminated dust from leaving the area.*

As work proceeds around the property, control and decontamination areas will be set up for workers, materials and equipment leaving the area.

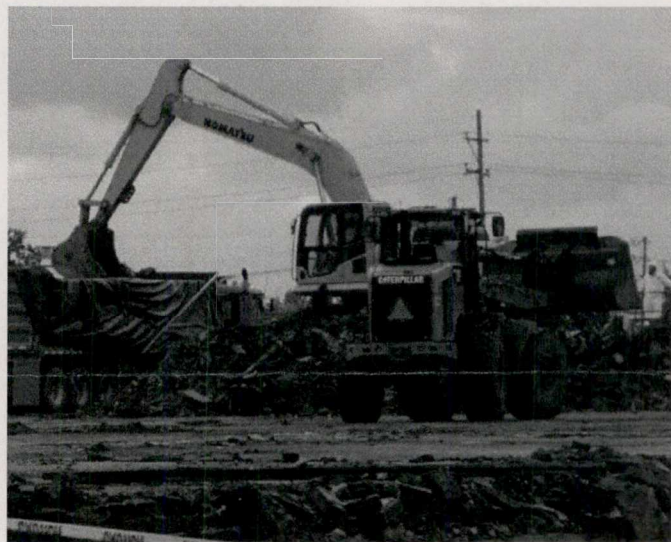
During the project, residents may see workers wearing protective suits and gear. There will be some noise from the use of equipment, and work will be done mostly during business hours on weekdays.

EPA plans to monitor the air for small particles and asbestos at specific locations around the property's perimeter.

### **Site background**

The site was originally operated by Johnson Controls as a manufacturing plant for heating systems, as well as a research and development facility. The main plant building was utilized as an assembly plant for component equipment, tooling machinery, and stamp equipment, which were all used in heating systems.

The engineering building was formerly used as a research and development space for the Johnson Controls facility. After Johnson Controls sold the site to TOCON Holdings, the buildings on the site were demolished in 2013.



*Residents may see heavy equipment and workers wearing protective gear at the site.*